

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 FREETO 01409 261638Z

62

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-25 ISO-00 OMB-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-03 INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01

PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 USIA-15 IO-14 AID-20 DRC-01 /161 W

----- 002546

R 261545Z JUL 74

FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9870

AMEMBASSY SAIGON

INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 1409

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, VS, SL

SUBJECT: GVN REQUESTS US BLOCK "PRG" VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE

REF SAIGON 9836

1. THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS HAS NO INFORMATION OF PENDING VISIT BY NGUYEN THI BINH. FOLLOWING RECENT OAU CONFERENCE IN MOGADISCIO, I HEARD A RUMOR THAT, FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE, SHE HAD PLANNED TO VISIT SEVERAL AFRICAN COUNTRIES. I LEARNED TODAY THAT THE GOSL AWAITED HER IN FREETOWN ON JULY 3RD COMING ON A FLIGHT FROM ADDIS ABABA, BUT, DESPITE FACT THAT VICE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER KOROMA AND OTHER HIGH OFFICIALS WERE AT THE AIRPORT TO MEET HER, SHE WAS NOT ON THE SCHEDULED PLANE AND, ACCORDING TO EXTAFF, NO ONE HAS HEARD ANYTHING FROM HER SINCE. PROTOCOL HAS PROMISED TO NOTIFY ME IF SHE PLANS ANY VISITS IN THE FUTURE.

2. CONCERNING GOSL ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GVN, THE PRESIDENT, FOREIGN MINISTER, AND TWO OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF EXTAFF ARE ON STATE VISIT TO ROMANIA AND HUNGARY AND NO ONE IS AVAILABLE WHO COULD
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 FREETO 01409 261638Z

DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH ANY AUTHORITY. I AM PREPARED

TO PURSUE THIS MATTER AGAIN WHEN PRESIDENT AND MINISTER
OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS RETURN IN MID-AUGUST BUT BELIEVE
REPRESENTATION FROM OUR SIDE UNLIKELY TO INFLUENCE
SITUATION. GOSL HAS RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS AND
IF PRESSURED BY PRG MIGHT SEE NOTHING INCONGRUOUS IN
PROVIDING RECOGNITION TO GVN, PRG AND NORTH VIETNAM.
AT ANY RATE, GOSL CAN NOT BE EXPECTED TO VEER FROM COURSE
OF THE MAJORITY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON ANY INDO-
CHINESE ISSUES, AT LEAST NOT FROM ANY ARGUMENTS WE MIGHT
PRESS. I FEEL THE BEST COURSE IS FOR A HIGH-LEVEL GVN
REPRESENTATIVE EITHER TO VISIT FREETOWN AGAIN OR CON-
TINUE TO PRESS THE CASE IN LONDON. I HAD THE IMPRESS-
ION, PERHAPS INCORRECTLY, FOLLOWING DANG VAN SUNG'S
VISIT TO FREETOWN IN AUGUST OF LAST YEAR THAT THE
QUESTION OF RECOGNITION WAS NOT PUSHED IN AS TIMELY
AND FORCEFUL A MANNER AS IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BY GVN
REPRESENTATIVES IN LONDON. IF DEPARTMENT AND SAIGON
WISH ME TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS ON QUESTION OF RECOG-
NITION TO MINISTER OF EXTAFF UPON HIS RETURN, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.
OLSO
N

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: RECOGNITION, DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS ESTABLISHMENT, VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 26 JUL 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: kelleyw0
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974FREETO01409
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740203-1023
From: FREETOWN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740715/aaaaampj.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: SAIGON 9836
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kelleyw0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 25 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <25 JUN 2002 by boyleja>; APPROVED <27 FEB 2003 by kelleyw0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GVN REQUESTS US BLOCK "PRG" VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE
TAGS: PFOR, VS, SL, PRG, (NGUYEN THI BINH)
To: STATE SAIGON
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005